

Remarks/Arguments

This Amendment is a follow-up to the Amendment and Notice of Appeal filed January 19, 2005, and to recent discussions with the Examiner. The Examiner is thanked for courtesies extended.

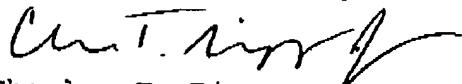
Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending in this case as set forth in the January 19, 2005 Amendment. Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 20 have herein been amended. Claim 10 has herein been canceled. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 13-16 and 19 remain unchanged.

As discussed with the Examiner, by way of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as set forth herein are now in condition for immediate allowance. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including any fees for any extensions of time necessary to make this Amendment timely, the same being respectfully requested if necessary, to Deposit Account 16-0657.

Respectfully submitted,

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